

REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 24, 2005, claims 1-3, 6, 8-16, 19, 21-26 and 28-33 were seemingly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,838,818 ("Herley"), U.S. Patent No. 6,809,765 ("Tao") and/or U.S. Patent No. 6,731,794 ("Zhang et al."). However, claims 4, 5, 7, 17, 18, 20 and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

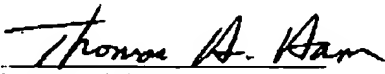
In response, Applicants have rewritten the "objected to" claims 4, 7, 17 and 27 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The "objected to" claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form by amending the independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of the dependent claim 4. The "objected to" claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form by adding new claim 34, which includes the subject matters of the independent claim 1 and the dependent claims 6 and 7. The "objected to" claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form by amending the independent claim 13 to include the subject matters of the dependent claims 16 and 17. The "objected to" claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form by amending the independent claim 24 to include the subject matters of the dependent claims 26 and 27. Consequently, claims 4, 16, 17, 26 and 27 have been canceled, and claims 5 and 28 have been amended.

In view of the claim amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims 1-3, 5-15, 18-25 and 28-34 are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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